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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

William A. Blair, et al.

Serial No. 10/810,623

Filed: March 29, 2004

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETECTING OBJECTS USING TAGS  
AND WIDEBAND DETECTION DEVICE

Art Unit: 3735

Examiner: LACYK, JOHN P

Docket: 05-1025-01

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner:

Before taking up the above identified application for examination, please amend it as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1 through 17.

Kindly amend claims 18, 20 and 25, as indicated on the following pages.

Kindly add claims 30 through 39, as indicated on the following pages.

As required by 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all of the claims in this application is appended hereto, commencing on a separate sheet.

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